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SUBJECT: INSURANCE COVERAGE ON SALE TO MOHAMED MOHAMED DAKHIL
AND CO.

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1. WE ASSUME MOHAMED MOHAMED DAKHIL AND CO. IS IDENTICAL
WITH M.M. DAKHIL AND CO. WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF INQUIRY IN
USDOC 06513. IN TRIPOLI 0517 RESPONDING THERETO, EMBASSY
NOTED THAT M.M. DAKHIL AND CO. WAS SAME COMPANY AS MOHAMED
M. DAKHIL AND PARTNERS, WHICH CAME INTO BEING IN JULY 1977 AS
RESULT OF CHANGE OF NAME OF THE WELL-KNOWN AND LONG ESTABLISHED
"NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (MOHAMED MOHAMED DAKHIL &
PARTNERS)." SEE ALSO 1977 TRIPOLI 1382 TO USDOC WHICH WAS
WTDR ON "DAKHIL GROUP OF COMPANIES." TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE,
THIS ASSORTMENT OF NAMES REFERS TO SAME COMPANY. IF ONE NAME
DOES IN FACT REPRESENT A SEPARATE PAPER ENTITY CREATED IN
ORDER TO LIMIT LIABILITY, IT IS NEVERTHELESS A DAKHIL ENTERPRISE.

2. EMBASSY'S ONLY ACQUAINTANCE WITH PROSPECTIVE WHITE WESTING-
HOUSE SALES TO DAKHIL IS FROM USDOC 06513 WHICH PRESUMABLY
CONCERNED SAME TRANSACTION. WE ASSUME POTENTIAL
SUPPLIER/CREDITOR WILL HAVE ASSURED THEMSELVES OF
DAKHIL'S ABILITY TO GET IMPORT LICENSES FOR THE ORDERS.
IN ITS CONTINUING DRIVE TO CREATE A SOCIALIST SOCIETY,
THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAS CREATED TWO MIXED STATE/
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PRIVATE COMPANIES WHICH CLAIM TO HAVE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO
IMPORT ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. AS THE NEW COMPANIES ARE NOT
YET CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE BUSINESS, PRIVATE IMPORTERS
APPARENTLY CONTINUE TO GET IMPORT LICENSES, AND CLAIM THEY WILL
BE ABLE TO DO SO FOR SOME TIME. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AN
EMBASSY OFFICER THREE MONTHS AGO, A DAKHIL REPRESENTATIVE
INSISTED THAT COMPANY WILL CONTINUE TO GET IMPORT LICENSES FOR

APPLIANCES AND THAT IF U.S. EXPORTERS DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE
IT, "WE CAN GET THE GOODS ELSEWHERE." EMBASSY IS UNABLE
TO PREDICT WHEN THIS UNCERTAINTY WILL BE CLEARED UP, BUT
ASSUMES U.S. PARTIES WILL WISH TO THINK ABOUT ITS
IMPLICATIONS.
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